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NON AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PSUs i.e. BSNL and MTNL are facing problems in procuring equipment due to lengthy tendering process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether both the PSUs are unable to give quality services to the consumers as compared to private players due to non-availability of equipment in time;

(d) if so, whether a meeting with CMD of these PSUs has been held recently; and ;

(e) if so, the strategy chalked out to sort out the problems of these PSUs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the procurement of material is being made by PSUs i.e. BSNL and MTNL through prescribed tendering procedure, which does take some additional time. However, due care if taken by way of advance and proper planning to offset the delay .

(c) The quality of services to the consumers is in no way compromised as better quality of equipment is procured through transparent process.

(d) & (e): Periodical meetings are held to review the performance of PSUs. PSUs are taking steps to simplify procurement procedures to reduce delays.